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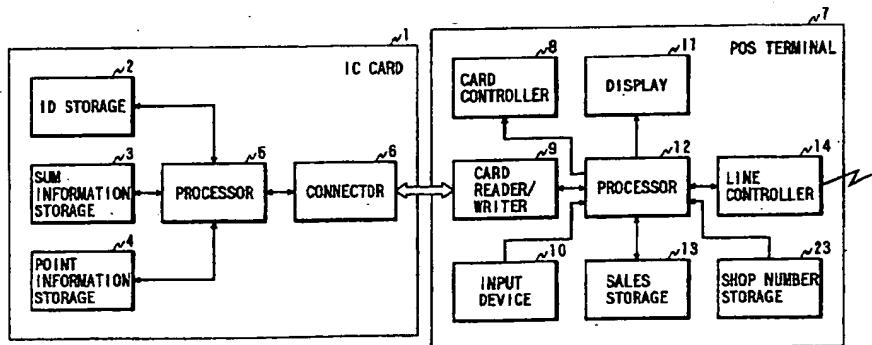
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(54) IC card automated transaction terminal and IC card used therein

(57) An IC card automated transaction terminal is provided to operate in conjunction with an IC card capable of storing a plurality of different balances relating to commercial transactions. For example, the IC card can provide separate storage for electronic money information and bonus point information. IC card reading/writing means are provided in the terminal for reading and writing such information stored in said IC card along with

input means for inputting transacted sum information and information storage means for storing electronic money information equivalent to transacted sum information. In another embodiment, small sum and large sum balances can be separately stored on the IC card, with only the large sum balance being locked and requiring a security code to carry out a transaction.

FIG. 1



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IC card storing a first balance representing a sum of electronic money and a second balance representing bonus points, and terminal for updating said balances in the IC card.

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IC card storing two balances, each of which represents a sum of electronic money, and terminal for updating said electronic money balances in the IC card.

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